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Attention: Michigan Legislature

At UNLV, we believe community engagement is one of our most important strategies to achieve our long-term goals. In order for us to be successful, we must cultivate relationships with private industry that strengthen the university and benefit the community.

One of our most successful partnerships has been with Rob Roy and his company, Switch SUPERNAP. Under Rob's leadership, Switch has made significant contributions to UNLV to help fulfill the vision of Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval to build a new Nevada and to catapult UNLV into one of the most connected universities in the world.

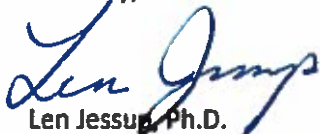
Through the efforts of Switch, UNLV was able to secure the Cherry Creek supercomputer from Intel. The computer ranks among the world's fastest and most powerful supercomputers for its combination of speed and energy efficiency. It will allow university researchers the ability to compile data in a single day compared to 20 years for the average personal computer.

The capability of Cherry Creek means UNLV is now among the top five research universities in the country with its technological capabilities. Switch also has provided space to house the supercomputer in its SUPERNAP data center located in Las Vegas.

Further, Switch has made contributions for a dedicated research network at the university and is currently helping us with network infrastructure designs. Additionally, the company has provided office space for our economic development and technology transfer patent team. The location allows staff the ability to collaborate with private industry and work in an entrepreneurial environment that spurs innovation and creativity.

Rob Roy and Switch have demonstrated an on-going commitment to UNLV and Nevada in multiple ways. We value our partnership with the company and are grateful for its investment in UNLV and the state.

Cordially,



Len Jessup, Ph.D.